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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 525

DATE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Property tax assessment and administration.

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FUNDS AFFECTED:

**GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: ***Reassessment:*** This bill provides that the next general reassessment of real property shall be completed on or before March 1, 2002, instead of March 1, 2001, and that general reassessments will occur every four years thereafter. It makes various amendments concerning the conduct of a general reassessment and the appeal process.

Amended Returns: This bill permits a claim on an amended personal property tax return of any adjustment or exemption that would have been allowable on the original return.

Exemptions: It raises from 50 to 150 the acreage of certain organizations eligible for exemption from property taxes.

Sales Disclosure: The bill directs the county fiscal body to establish a Sales Disclosure Fund and establishes procedures for administration of the fund.

Assessor Training: The bill also makes various amendments concerning assessor training and certification.

State Board: This bill creates a state agency, the Indiana Board of Tax Review (Indiana Board), to hear appeals from determinations of county property tax assessment boards of appeal and the State Board of Tax Commissioners (State Board). It provides that determinations of the Indiana Board are appealable to the Indiana Tax Court. The bill requires the Indiana Board to perform certain data analysis functions, and makes conforming amendments.

Refunds: The bill amends the procedure for claiming a property tax refund and the interest rate applicable to refunds.

Personal Property: This bill requires the State Board to conduct annual personal property assessment audits. It makes certain items ineligible for the personal property tax reduction credit, and specifies eligibility for

the credit in each county. The bill also repeals certain provisions concerning tax abatement and State Board employees.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2000 (retroactive); January 1, 2001 (retroactive); July 1, 2001;. January 1, 2002; July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: